North Scott Community School District

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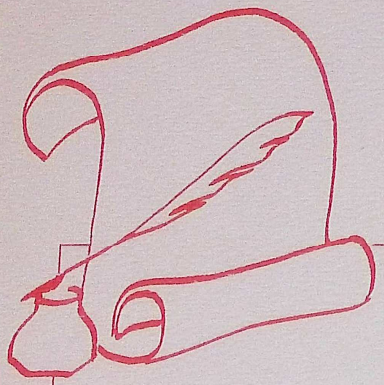
A Commitment To The Community



Welcome . . .

To The North Scott Community School District! We invite you to come . . . explore us . . . find out why we are unique.

We encourage you to look closely at our school district. You'll quickly discover excellence in education, combined with unique "small town" living. The proof of our excellence can be found in our classrooms and in our communities. We encourage you to take the time and visit us. Allow us to share our excitement and pride with you by taking a tour of our schools.

Our primary mission is to develop students into self-respecting, contributing adult members of our society. To accomplish this mission, we emphasize the teaching of basic academic skills by providing an educational environment, which enhances self-esteem, offers equal access and opportunities to programs, and promotes enthusiasm for learning.

On the pages that follow we describe in detail how our mission is accomplished.

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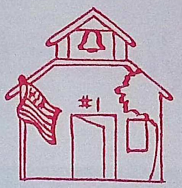
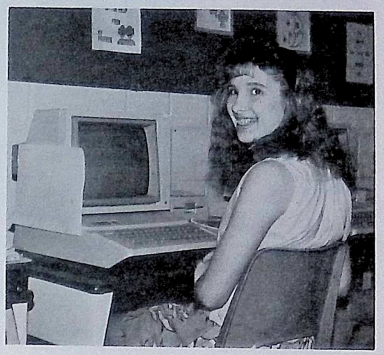
The Board of Directors
North Scott Community School District

Our Schools . . .



Residents in the North Scott School District enjoy the best of two worlds - life in smaller progressive communities, close to the amenities of the large Quad Cities (Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline and Rock Island, Illinois) metropolitan area. Within our boundaries, which covers 220 square miles, you will find nine individual communities. Our schools are an integral part of these communities.

The North Scott Community School District was formed in 1956, when 14 individual townships and small school districts agreed to consolidate. Our district has five elementary schools, a junior high school and a high school. The elementary schools, which house grades K-6, are located in Donahue, John Glenn; Eldridge, Edward White; Long Grove, Alan Shepard; Park View, Neil Armstrong and Princeton, Virgil Grissom. Each school is situated on at least 10 acres of ground, and the class size average is 23.



North Scott Junior High School is located in Eldridge and was built in 1974. It offers valuable exploratory experiences in learning, cultural arts and athletics.

North Scott High School is also located in Eldridge. Our fine arts auditorium, built in 1980, has been rated by experts as one of the finest in the midwest. Our gymnasium, commonly referred to as the "pit," is one of the more picturesque athletic facilities in Iowa. The high school also features state-of-the-art computer and science labs and a newly renovated media center, which serves as the focal point for academics.

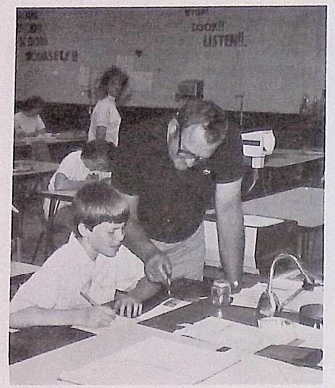
As one of the first districts in the state to have all schools fully accredited by the North Central Association, we are frequently utilized to provide leadership in this organization.

Our Students

Our student body is comprised of approximately 3,000 students. Our students are leaders. They consistently score well above average on standardized achievement tests. Elementary and junior high school students have a ranking of 85 percent or higher on nationally standardized tests, and the composite of our ACT scores are also well above the average. Over 50 percent of our graduating seniors choose to go on to college.

Year after year, our students continue to win awards for various achievements. Several of our students have been named National Merit semi-finalists and finalists.

Quality Education . . .



Quality education begins with an expert staff. We have a group of dedicated professionals who provide expertise and knowledge in educating our students.

We employ over 175 teaching and administrative professionals, and classified personnel who provide support services for the district.

Our district is committed to an ongoing staff development program. Our teachers attend an average of six days of staff development activities each year. Our staff has been recognized locally, statewide and on the national level for their achievements.

AEA Services

Our program is enhanced by resources provided by the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency. They offer us services in three major areas: l) Educational services division, which provides our staff with educational consultants and staff development workshops. 2) Media/print division, which provides us with current films, periodicals and books and 3) Special education division, which provides each building with specialized personnel who help us identify students who have special learning needs.

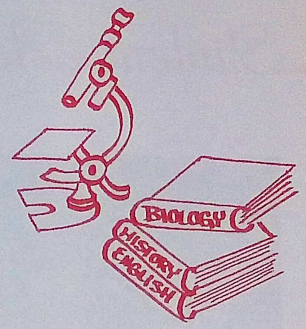
Contribution by Parents

Parents play an extremely important role in the operation of our schools. We have a strong tradition of parental support and involvement in school activities. All seven schools have active parent advisory groups. On the district level, one representative from each advisory committee serves on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Our district benefits from the use of volunteers and community resource people.

Meet Our School Board

North Scott's Board of Directors is comprised of 7 dedicated citizens from our communities who work to make us the best possible school district. Each year the Board adopts a set of goals which give direction, and sets the priorities of the school district.

Our Curriculum . . .

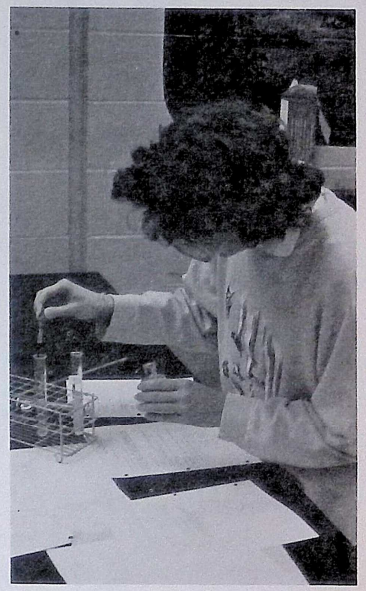


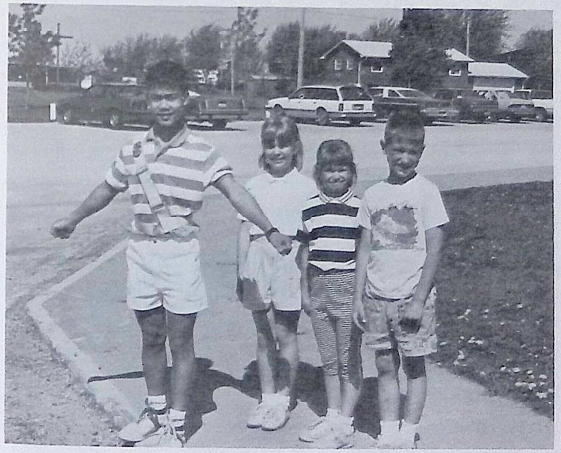
Our instructional program has been carefully developed to meet the diverse needs and abilities of students, and is continually reviewed and updated.

Basic skills are emphasized at the elementary level, especially reading, language arts and math. Junior high students receive instructions in a strong core curriculum, plus exploratory classes in home economics, industrial arts, music, computers and art. At the high school level, students may pursue a college preparatory program, choose from numerous vocational programs, or they may combine the two.

Major characteristics of the curriculum include:

* extensive use of computers as a tool of learning.
* writing assessment activities
* talented and gifted programs
* high school advanced placement classes
* preschool education for young people ages 3-5
* wide array of programs for special needs students
* extensive co-curricular and athletic activities
* alternative high school services





Student Activities . . .

Athletics

In order to provide a well-rounded experience for our students, we offer a wide variety of athletic and co-curricular activities. Academic and social student organizations are complimented by interscholastic athletics. We offer athletic opportunities in 17 varsity sports. Junior high school students have extensive intramural and interscholastic programs.

Boys	Girls
football	softball
cross country	volleyball
basketball	basketball
wrestling	track
soccer	tennis
track	cross country
golf	soccer
tennis	golf
baseball	

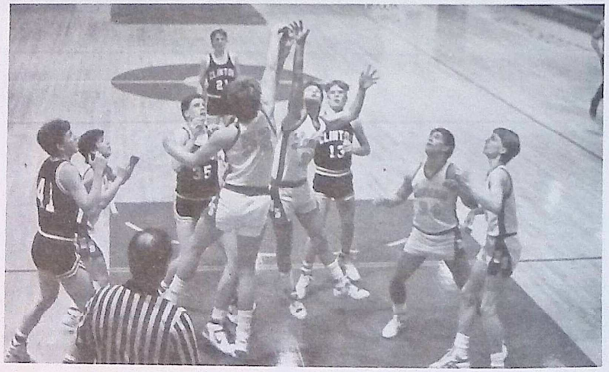
Instrumental And Vocal Music

Our award-winning instrumental and vocal music groups are well known for their outstanding performances.

Instrumental groups include two jazz bands, pep band, two concert bands, a marching band and ensembles. For the last 21 years our concert band has earned a Division I rating at the Iowa High School Music Association's state large group contest.

The North Scott Singers are the premier singing group at the high school. We also have four other singing groups. The Chamber Singers frequently perform in the community.

The talents of our band and choirs are combined during our annual swing show.



Drama

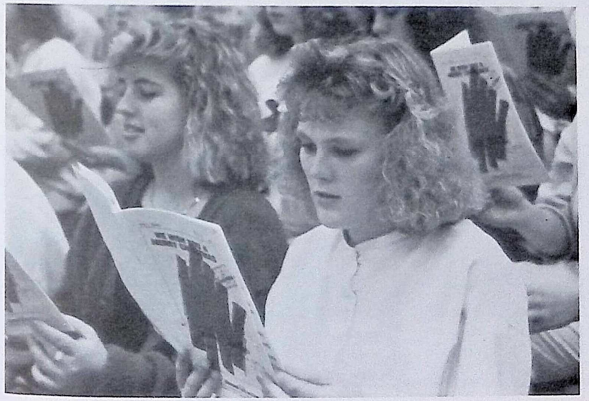
Lancer Productions sponsor regular drama productions at our fine arts auditorium. These include a fall play, dinner theatre and children's theatre. Involvement in Lancer Productions ranges from on-stage performances to back-stage crews. Lancer Productions also encourages students to participate in various speech tournaments, and we sponsor our own Lancer Invitational Speech Tournament. The junior high school also offers theatrical opportunities producing a yearly all-school musical or drama.

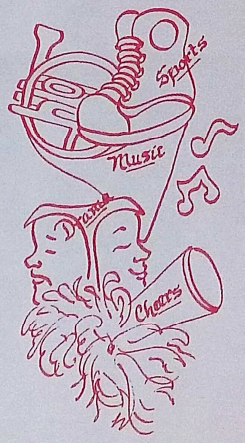
Clubs and Organizations

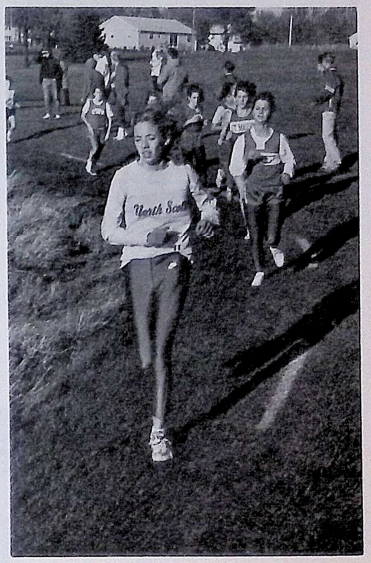
We encourage our students to become involved in extra-curricular activities. The number of clubs offered allows students to make choices based on their individual interests.

Examples of clubs and organizations are:

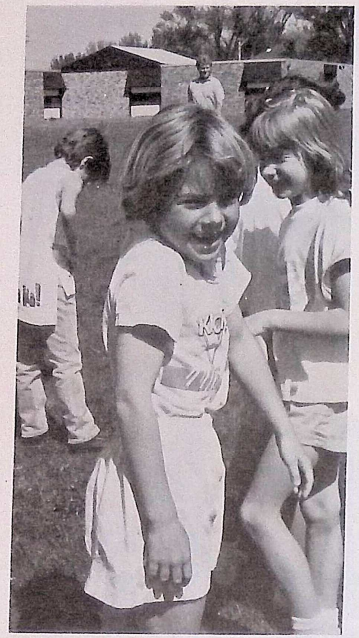
Art Club
Intramural Programs
Foreign Language Club
AFS Club
Cheerleading
Future Farmers of America
Junior Achievement
Lance - School Newspaper
Shield - Yearbook
Student Congress
Close-Up
Industrial Technology Club







Reaching Out To The Community . . .



Communications

Our Board of Directors adopts a yearly goal to communicate effectively with the public. Examples of activities to achieve this goal take many forms. School events are constantly being published in the weekly and daily newspapers. Frequent parent newsletters are sent home from each of the schools listing specific building activities. Events and emergency school closings are also broadcast over a variety of radio stations.

Another vehicle to enhance public communication is the previously mentioned Superintendent's Advisory Committee. This committee consists of representatives from each building's parent teacher organization, and the following district advisory groups: Chapter 1, Community Education, Drug-Free Schools, Music Boosters, Vocational Agriculture, Athletic Boosters, Lunch Fund, Talented and Gifted, teachers, students and clergy. This group meets on a monthly basis providing feedback and advice to the superintendent on current district issues. A final example of a citizen's opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions is the bimonthly school board meetings. A time is reserved on each meeting's agenda for citizens to address the Board on any matter which they feel is pertinent. Communication with the public is a high priority with our school district.

Child Care Center

In 1985, we introduced our non-profit Child Care Center located at Alan Shepard Elementary School, Long Grove. The center offers a morning preschool, day-care and latchkey services.

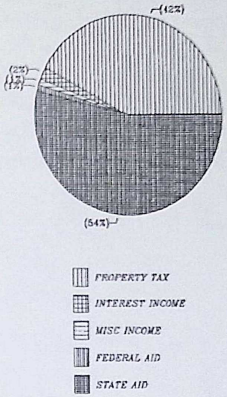
The Child Care Center enrolls children between the ages of 3 and 9. Full day-care services are offered from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., five days a week. The preschool program is offered from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and before and after school care for children through age 9.

Programs at the Center are carefully designed to stimulate motivation and learning in a controlled, non-threatening atmosphere. Children are exposed to opportunities which allow them to enjoy learning both in groups and individually. Pre-school activities are coordinated with our kindergarten program.

Financial Matters . . .

Our district approved a budget for the 1989-90 school year totaling $12,727,994. (See diagrams for a breakdown and expenditures.) The tax rate is $12.93 per $1,000, which means that a person who owns a $70,000 house, will pay $905 in property taxes for school purposes.

OPERATING FUND REVENUES 1989-90



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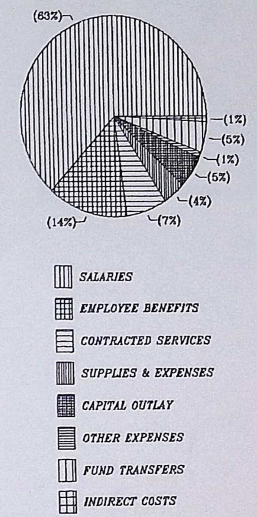


Services Provided . . .

Transportation

Spread over 220 square miles, we operate one of the largest fleets of school buses in the state. Thus, the school bus becomes an important connection between the school and many of our students.

Every day more than 1600 students ride our buses. Transportation is not a problem for the co-curricular-minded student. Activity buses deliver students home after late afternoon practices and activities each day. This enhances opportunities for our students to participate in sports, music, drama, or other functions, regardless of where they live.

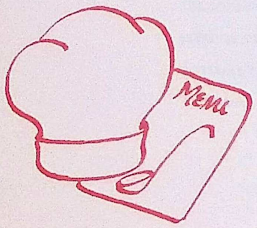
Food Services

We operate full service kitchens in the junior and senior high schools. All elementary schools offer a hot lunch program catered from the junior or senior high schools. A breakfast is also available at each school. One kitchen serves over 2000 students each day. These services are available at a minimal cost to students.

For Further Information . . .

If you need any further information about our district or student registration information, we will be happy to help you. Contact us at any of the following offices:

Administration Office	285-4819
High School	285-9631
Junior High School	285-8272
Neil Armstrong Elementary	285-8223
John Glenn Elementary	282-9627
Virgil Grissom Elementary	289-4404
Alan Shepard Elementary	285-8041
Edward White Elementary	285-4544



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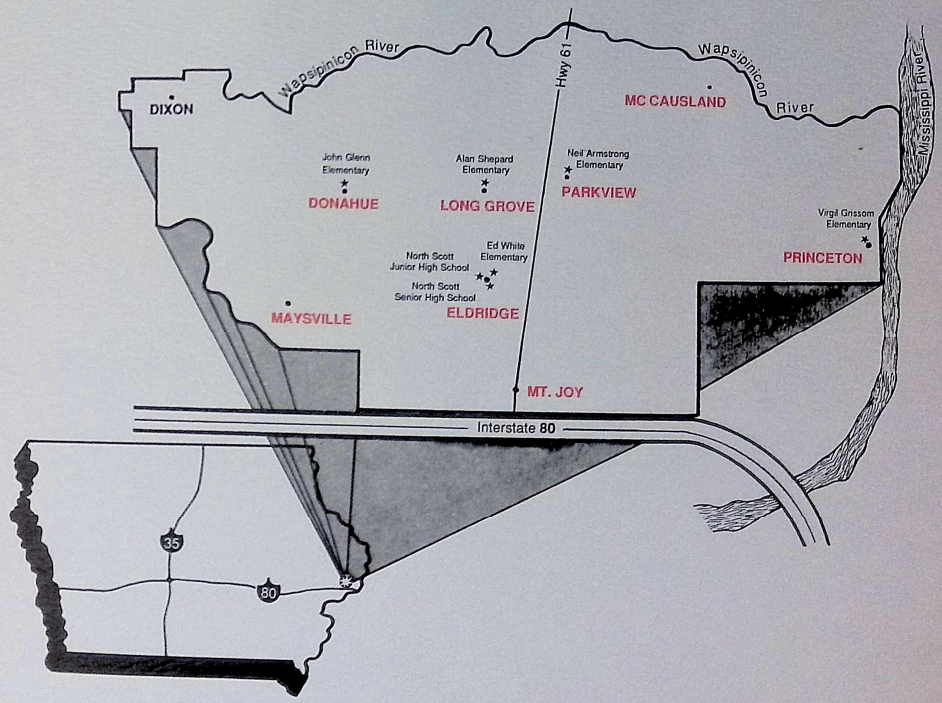

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